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PUBLIC MEETINGS: WATER RATE INCREASE SPECIAL ELECTION – JANUARY 13, 2015

The City of Norman is hosting three informational public meetings regarding the Water Rate Increase Special Election. These meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 W. Gray St.
- Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m., Truman Elementary School, 600 Parkside Road
- Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m., Fire Station No. 9, 3001 E. Alameda

On January 13, 2015, the citizens of Norman will be asked to vote on an increase in residential and commercial water rates.

Steve Lewis, City Manager, commented, "Today, Norman's water supplies from local groundwater and Lake Thunderbird are on the edge of meeting annual and seasonal water demands. Addressing how Norman will meet its needs is critical and urgent. The improvements to be financed by this rate increase will put Norman on a path of long-term water supply security."

Primary benefits from the water rate increase are:

- improve drinking water quality with Water Plant improvements;
- help meet current water supply demands by enhancing existing wells and replacing aging wells;
- deliver a safer, more sustainable water supply;
- repair aging infrastructure,
- allow for land acquisition for additional groundwater facilities; and,
- meet state and federal regulations.

Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor, noted, "Norman customers have not had a rate increase in nine years and we now face significant investments which will provide water quality and security for the future. Get the facts about this critical rate increase so that you are able to cast an informed vote."

Each meeting will cover the same content. All citizens of Norman are invited to attend one of these information meetings regarding future water improvements for the City.

For additional information, please call (405) 366-5406.

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